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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR BORDER MEETING ON AIR INTERDICTION

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1. AS REPORTED IN REF (A), WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEED TO IMPROVE TECHNIQUES AND RESULTS IN INTERDICTION GENERALLY, BUT PARTICULARLY ON TRANSBORDER AIR TRAFFIC.

2. THIS WAS A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING, JULY 3. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE LOGICAL FIRST STEP WOULD BE ASSESS THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM. (TOWARD THIS END, ARA/MEX TRIP REPORT ON BORDER ORIENTATION LAST MONTH HAS BEEN HELPFUL, AS WILL BE THE MESSAGE WE UNDERSTAND TO BE FORTHCOMING FROM STATE/TREASURY.) NARCOTICS COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED THAT A MULTI-AGENCY BORDER MEETING WOULD BE DESIRABLE, SIMILAR TO THAT HELD AT SAN ANTONIO IN OCTOBER

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1973. THIS TIME, WE WOULD HOPE FOR HIGH-LEVEL

PARTICIPATION BY U.S. ARMY, COAST GUARD, AND AIR FORCE, FAA, U.S.M
CUSTOMS, FBI, DEA AND STATE, AS WELL AS BY OPERATIONAL-LEVEL
DEA AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FROM MEXICO AND ON U.S. SIDE
OF BORDER. PRIME TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WOULD OBVIOUSLY
BE AIR INTERDICTION, WITH EMPHASIS ON HOW NARCOTICS-
CARRYING AIRCRAFT COULD BE MORE EFFECTIVELY IDENTIFIED AND
HOW U.S. REGULATIONS COULD BE TIGHTENED MORE EFFECTIVELY
TO CONTROL RENTAL OF AIRCRAFT TO NARCOTICS(AND OTHER)
SMUGGLERS. DISCUSSION WOULD OF COURSE NOT BE LIMITED
TO THESE SUBJECTS, AND WOULD HOPEFULLY BE BROAD-
RANGING. WE EXPECT THAT THIS MEETING WOULD NOT ONLY
RESULT IN USEFUL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, BUT WOULD
PRODUCE INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE PLAN OF ACTION.

3. REFERENCED TELCON INFORMED US THAT MR. PARSONS UN-
FORTUNATELY HAS HAD TO POSTPONE HIS BORDER INSPECTION TRIP.
IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT IF
POSSIBLE HE PLAN HIS BORDER TOUR TO COINCIDE WITH THE
PROJECTED SAN ANTONIO CONFERENCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST
EARLY OCTOBER AS TIME APPEARING BEST TO US AT THIS
JUNCTURE, DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS FOR WASHINGTON
PRINCIPALS DURING SEPTEMBER, AND PROBABLE SCHEDULING OF
ARA NARC. COORD. CONF. LATER IN OCTOBER OR DURING NOVEMBER.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON REACTION TO THESE
PROPOSALS, ALONG WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR TIMING,
ATTENDANCE OR AGENDA.

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